Services by Indian and private players

311. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian and its subsidiary Alliance Air are having a fleet of 51 own and 23 leased aircrafts:

(b) if so, the details regarding the fleet strength of Jet Airways, Sahara, Air Deccan and Kingfisher;

(c) whether it is also a fact' that Indian and its subsidiary are under-utilizing its aircrafts in operation of services when compared to the other competitors and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of operations to various destinations by Indian, Jet Airways, Sahara, Air Deccan and Kingfisher airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines including its subsidiary Alliance Air has a fleet of 42 own and 34 leased aircraft.

(b) The fleet strength of Jet Airways, Jet Lite, Air Deccan and Kingfisher airlines are 64, 24, 43 and 30 respectively.

(c) No, Sir. Aircraft Utilization of Indian Airlines of A320 aircraft, which constitute a major part of the fleet of Indian Airlines, compares favourably with that of its competitors.

(d) At present Indian Airlines and its subsidiary Alliance Air are operating air services to/from 54 domestic station and 19 international stations. The Jet Airways, Jet Lite, Air Deccan and Kingfisher Airlines are operating air services to 44, 27,63 and 31 domestic stations respectively.

Civil Aviation Policy

312. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, has referred a Civil Aviation Policy to the Group of Ministers after Cabinet Ministers raised questions about certain proposals mooted in the policy including allowing more domestic airlines abroad, creation of merchant airports and plans to corporatise the air traffic control system;

(b) if so, whether the GoM have considered all these aspects and have also given its recommendations;

(c) if so, what are the main details of the same; and

(d) by when the aviation policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The National Civil Aviation Policy is presently under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM). However, no specific issues/ proposals have been referred for the consideration of GoM.